



2009 “Merci” Pinot Noir



Production:	94 cases
Vineyard blocks:	The Southern “heritage clone” blocks of our estate
Clones:	50% Mt. Eden, 50% Calera, with a dash of Mariafeld
Alcohol:	14.9%
Winemaker:	Jim Sanders (Aubichon Cellars)
Vineyard AVA:	Chehalem Mountains, Willamette Valley

The Merci cuvee is our unique release crafted from “heirloom” or “heritage clones” of Pinot noir – a fitting tribute to those that have labored to make these extraordinary clones available, and to whom we offer our thanks. Our estate heritage plantings include the Mt. Eden, Swan, Calera, and Jackson clones.

Notes from release in 2011: In 2006 we planted “heritage clones” of Pinot Noir – Mt. Eden and Calera. The 2009 Merci is our first wine from these plantings. Aromatically, the wine offers a unique nose of candied raspberry and sweet, ripe, plum and holiday spices. On the palate, Merci has a creamy texture that seamlessly presents up-front flavors of black cherries wrapped in soft but firm acidity. Mid-palate red and black raspberry leads to a long and lingering finish with ginger, and fig tones blended with boysenberry and vanilla. Drinking well now, Merci will continue to evolve for several years.

Tasting notes:

